

BRAC Commission releases regional hearings schedule

By Robert McCreary

Deputy Director of Communications

ARLINGTON, Va. – The Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission released the regional hearing schedule, which the Commission will hold in various locations throughout the country May 19.

The locations for the regional hearings were selected by the Commissioners in response to the number and type of Defense Department closure and realignment recommendations. One of the Commission's main objectives is to ensure maximum public access and input is by state and community representatives.

In addition, several Commissioners will be

at each regional hearing.

Chairman Anthony Principi stated, "The regional hearings will provide the primary means for communities to educate the Commissioners and their staff on their disagreements with the DOD base recommendations. If a potentially impacted community feels DOD deviated from the selection criteria, the regional hearings will provide those stakeholders with an opportunity to be involved in the information-gathering process and present to the Commission how and why the DOD proposals are flawed or should be changed."

"The Commission will perform base visits prior to the public hearing for that particular region, so they will be better informed about

what each base's real-world situation looks like, and familiarize themselves with the key issues likely to be discussed at the regional hearing," Chairman Principi added.

The Commissioners have pledged to visit all of the bases which are on the list for major closure or realignment, as proposed by DOD. When a Commissioner visits a base, he or she will be preceded by an analyst. The analyst will gather the preliminary information on a base and then will visit the base concurrently with the Commissioner.

The following provides regional hearing cities and dates. Exact times and locations are to be determined.

Salt Lake City, June 7

St. Louis, June 7

Fairbanks, Alaska, June 15

Portland, Ore., June 17

Rapid City, S.D., June 21

Dallas, June 22

Grand Forks, N.D., June 23

Clovis, N.M., June 24

Buffalo, N.Y., June 27

Charlotte, N.C., June 28

Atlanta, June 30

Boston, July 6

Baltimore, July 8

San Antonio, July 11

New Orleans, July 12

Los Angeles, July 14

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Photo by Lance Cpl. Jeffrey A. Cosola

Lt. Col. Christopher M. Clayton, HML/A-167 commanding officer, straps Angelo "A.J." Circo, a nine-year-old boy from Brookfield, Ill., into the cockpit of a UH-1N Huey in preparation for a flight arranged by the Make-A-Wish Foundation, May 20.

'Warriors' help suffering children Make-A-Wish

By Lance Cpl.

Jeffrey A. Cosola

MCAS New River

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION NEW RIVER, N.C. — Angelo "A.J." Circo, a nine-year-old boy from Brookfield, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, likes to eat pizza. He sports a slight build, fiery auburn hair and wire-rimmed glasses that make him look like a young Harry Potter. His favorite music is heavy metal and he loves bright blue colors. He does well in school and loves his family. Just as it should be, but not quite.

He suffers from Crohn's disease, diabetes and hereditary pancreatitis. He's been in and out of hospitals and spends an awful lot of time with men in white coats. He has to check

his blood sugar and gets tired more often than he would like.

Through his chronic agony, he manages to smile. After all, he's just a boy and loves the military. His favorite movie is "Black Hawk Down," and if he could have one wish for one day, A.J. would wish that he could be around the United States Marines.

Enter the Make-A-Wish foundation and a few Marines with compassion.

After being approached by Make-A-Wish, A.J. hoped that he could "drive or ride in a tank, take a tour of a Marine base and ride in a helicopter, if possible." The Marines were contacted, and Marine Light/Attack Helicopter Squadron-167 received their mission with open arms and hearts and helped to grant A.J.'s

wish.

"This is a big deal for me, I feel like providence has taken over," said Lt. Col. Christopher M. Clayton, HML/A-167 commanding officer and UH-1N Huey pilot for the flight. "The reason I say that is, a little over five years ago, my daughter was a Make-A-Wish kid. She had a malignant germinoma, which is a brain tumor, and we just celebrated five years of remission. After my daughter received her Make-A-Wish trip, this is something that I felt I can give back."

A.J. and his father, Richard Circo, arrived at the squadron hangar and were given V.I.P. treatment. Static displays of both the Huey and the AH-1W Super Cobra, complete with

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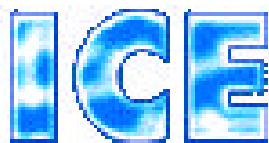
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Web site:

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Comments, questions or concerns filed with the base Interactive Customer Service Evaluation system are automatically routed to the service provider and the service provider can respond directly.

To access the ICE Web site, visit the MCLB Barstow Web site at

www.mclbonline.barstow.usmc.mil and click the ICE logo.

The ICE system is designed to put customers of the base service providers in contact with the managers of the services. Sometimes issues come up that the managers would like to respond to personally, but the customer does not leave any contact information.

This week's comments concern the Branch Medical Clinic. Several comments were made but no contact information was provided.

Manager's Response :

On any typical day in medical, four appointments are made available for acute care (sick call). They typically start at 8 a.m. We will, in late May and through June, have some sick call starting at 7:30 a.m. only because of the new CHCS II system.

If you are active duty and come in after the normal sick call hours, we will make every opportunity to see you that day. We went to the call-in or show up

before 8 a.m. type of appointment because we were at one time getting a room full of patients sitting in the TV waiting area.

To get the best and fullest use of all personnel, we adopted this system. I ask that anyone showing up for sick call that can not be seen immediately, to not leave the clinic until the Senior Nurse or Duty Doctor is aware of their needs. The clinic staff has been directed to let one of us know.

Chaplain's Corner

Remember not to forget

By Lt. j.g. Tavis Long
Base Chaplain

In 1862, Robert Ellicombe, a Union Army Captain, and his men were crouched in their embankments waiting for the first lights of day. The previous day's battle at Virginia's Harrison's Landing left Ellicombe and the soldiers under his charge tired, hungry, and dirty.

Sometime in the hours of the dark night, Ellicombe heard the moaning of a wounded soldier lying in the field that separated the Union and Confederate embankments. The moaning sound began to haunt Ellicombe as he waited. Unable to listen any longer, Ellicombe ventured into the dark to rescue the wounded man not knowing whether the sounds were from an enemy Confederate or a Union friend. Finally, by following the sounds, he found his way and was able to come to this pitiful man's aid. The Army captain began to pull the wounded soldier towards his encampment but by the time the two were safely behind the Union lines, the wounded soldier had died.

Ellicombe reached for a lantern. He had already recognized the gray uniform of the enemy, but he could not see the man's face. Curiosity had gotten the better of Ellicombe

and so he lit a lantern to illuminate the face of his enemy. When he did so, his body froze from the horrifying sight that he saw. Robert Ellicombe had illuminated the face of his very own son.

His son, a promising musician, had left home to study music in the South. When the war broke out, his son enlisted in the Confederate Army without telling his father. Now the two were at Harrison's Landing, reunited again but in the most horrendous of ways.

The next morning, Ellicombe approached his superiors requesting that he be allowed to give his son a proper funeral with all the military honors. At first his superiors denied his request, but Ellicombe was persistent. Finally, out of respect to a mourning father, Ellicombe was allowed to bury his son. However, because his son was a Confederate, the Army band that Ellicombe wanted in order to play a funeral dirge would not be



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Chapel Services

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Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Catholic Mass

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
505 E. Mt. View
Barstow
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9:30, 10:30 a.m. English

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Congregation Bamidar Shel Ha-Am
130 Eastgate Road
Barstow
Saturdays 10 a.m.

Just doing my job ...



Photo by Lance Cpl. Nich R. Babb

Lance Cpl. Devin Cantrell, a military policeman currently working at the base stables, informs a group of Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets about the specifics associated with taking care of horses at the base stables. Cantrell, has been stationed here since July 2003.

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News Briefs

BMC experiencing appointment overload

Beginning June 1 through June 30, MCLB Barstow's Branch Medical Clinic staff will be performing a massive number of new-hire physicals. Because of this, they are asking family members to reschedule existing appointments through Weed Army Community Hospital at Ft. Irwin.

Family members and retirees needing appointments should also schedule through WACH. For more information contact Lt. Cmdr Donna Jefcoat at 577-6575.

NHCP Implements CHCS II

Branch Medical Clinic, Barstow, will upgrade its medical records system to a state of the art computerized program from late May through June.

Any previously scheduled appointment needing to be moved to facilitate this upgrade will have priority in the new schedule being developed to allow for training of the medical clinic staff.

The new program is called the Composite Health Care System, version two. It allows all documentation of a patient's visit to be stored in the computer and allows providers to see all care completed at other military treatment facilities as well.

To minimize the impact on patients, implementation of CHCS II will be conducted in different clinics at varying times.

For a complete schedule of clinics and their implementation dates, visit the hospital Web site at www.enhcp.com or contact Lt. Cmdr. George Cullen at 577-6491 or e-mail him at GPCullen@cpn.med.navy.mil.

NMCRS Correction

In the final tally for this year's Navy Marine Corps Society Fund Drive, Contracting and Purchasing's contribution was mistakenly added in with Comm Division.

C&P's valuable contribution to the drive was \$190, raised from its root beer float sales. We apologize for the oversight.

Relay for Life

Relay for Life is the all volunteer, community-based fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. It is scheduled for June 18 and 19 in Barstow at the Robert A. Sessions Sportsark.

Meetings for team captains and committee members are scheduled for June 6 and June 13 at the Barstow Community Hospital. The committee meetings are from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and the team captain meetings are from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information or to form a team to participate in the event, contact Margaret Baca at 253-2258.

DEFY Volunteers Needed

MCLB Barstow is looking for a few motivated individuals to assist with the Department of the Navy's Drug Education For Youth program. The DEFY program provides 9-12 year old youths of military and civilian DOD employees the life skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs and crime during a summer camp and year-long mentoring activities.

For DEFY to be successful, it needs volunteers from military members, their spouses, and civilian DOD employees in the area.

DEFY provides positive role model mentoring and community outreach to improve the quality of life of military personnel and their families.

It is designed to produce graduates with character, leadership and confidence to engage in positive, healthy lifestyles as drug-free citizens.

Anyone interested in volunteering or having their children participate in the DEFY program from can contact RP1 Casey Orndorf at 577-6849. Visit the DEFY Web site at www.hq.navy.mil/defy.

Cover Design Contest

The 2005 Combined Federal Campaign Brochure Cover Design Contest is now accepting entries.

Artists ages five through 15



must have their entries turned in by June 24 to the base Public Affairs Office located in the Green Wing of Building 15.

The theme for this year's contest is "Life in America."

The design must be a color design, and must fit on a horizontal 8 inch by 11 inch sheet of paper.

Prizes for the best designs will be awarded by age groups.

Both age groups, ages five through nine and ages 10 through 15, will receive their design posted on the cover of the brochure and a \$50 savings bond for second place. For first place entries, artists will receive their design posted on the brochure, a \$50 savings bond and four tickets to Scandia Amusement Park.

Summer Day Camp

The Desert Discovery Center, located at 831 Barstow Rd., will be hosting a Junior Nationalist Summer Day Camp program from June 13 through August 19.

This program will provide hands-on outdoor experiences for children ages seven to 14 that help stimulate curiosity, foster appreciation, and teach about the endless wonders of the Mojave Desert. The program is divided into eight sessions and will cover topics in natural resources, desert ecology, geology/paleon-

tology, wildlife and more.

Registration began May 15 and each session is restricted to 15 children.

Total fees for the camp are \$90 and are due no later than June 10.

For more information regarding the camp, or for a registration packet, contact Rose Foster-Beardshear at 252-6011.

Created by Staff Sgt. Charles Wolf
USMC Active

"News Briefs" is designed to disseminate information to the MCLB Barstow community. Submissions should be received Thursdays before noon for consideration in next week's issue. Submit news briefs via e-mail to editor@barstow.usmc.mil.

Memorial Day Message


Since 1868 Memorial Day has consecrated the memory of our great nation's fallen heroes with special ceremonies, prayers and emotional silent tributes.

Memorial Day 2005 is especially poignant because so many of America's young men and women fighting the war on terrorism today have also paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The profoundness of solemnity on this special day is that for more than two and a quarter centuries the ultimate objective of all these gallant heroes is that we remain free and that peace, dignity and basic human rights can become a reality for the peoples of the world.

May the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country live forever in our memories. And may we honor them by doing everything we can to protect and keep our freedom and abundant way of life for future generations.

Jan and I wish everyone a joyous holiday; be safe, and most of all remember those who made it possible.


S. J. Thompson
Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps
Commanding

Beat the Heat

Green Flag

(80 to 84.9 WBGTI)

Heavy exercise for unacclimatized personnel will be conducted with caution and under constant supervision



Yellow Flag

(85 to 87.9 WBGTI)

Strenuous exercise, such as marching at standard cadence, will be suspended for unacclimatized personnel in their first two or three weeks.

Outdoor classes in the sun are to be avoided.



Compiled by Lance Cpl. Nich R. Babb
Combat Correspondent

The conflict of man against nature is the stuff great novels and motion pictures are made of; The Core and The Day After Tomorrow are only a couple of examples.

In the Mojave, heat and the Santa Ana winds are the prime menaces. However, one probably shouldn't expect the release of a box office flick about the High Desert heat anytime soon.

The winds and the heat together can turn what sometimes seems to be just another three-digit day into a heat casualty nightmare.

The silent killer that is the desert atmosphere wreaks its havoc almost every year, claiming at least one into the heat casualty category.

In just one month of the year 2000, more than 20 people fell victim to the heat, some of them members of a unit that conducted training here.

The almost nonexistent humidity levels that make Barstow perfect for its intended purpose of storage and maintenance also pose a very real threat to those here, who don't understand the weather's effect on the body and their limitations given their daily dose of triple-digit heat and Santa Ana winds.

The lack of humidity and gusting winds can lead one to believe that it is cooler than it actually is.

If you are not dripping with sweat after a run, it's because it has already evaporated.

Hydrating and exercising caution are the best tools available to divert becoming a casualty in the conflict here in the desert. Whether walking, working or exercising, one should respect the climate and be aware of the flag conditions.

Morning temperatures rapidly soar from a cool 70 degrees to scorching-hot, black-flag, conditions by noon.

A common myth is that the flag conditions are determined solely on the temperature. However, there are many more variables that go into establishing the flag conditions, including humidity levels and wind pressure.

The Wet Bulb Global Temperature Index indicates heat flag conditions.

The WBGTI is a combination of natural wet and dry-bulb temperatures and a globe thermometer temperature.

So if the flag you're looking at is a black flag and it's not quite 90 degrees out, it would probably be best just to mind the flag because there are more than likely variables being taken into account that you are not acknowledging.

Red Flag

(88 to 89.9 WBGTI)

All physical training will be halted for those personnel who have not become thoroughly acclimatized by at least 12 weeks of living and working in the area.

Personnel who are thoroughly acclimatized may carry on limited activities not to exceed six hours per day.



Black Flag

(90 WBGTI)

All strenuous outdoor activity will be halted for all personnel.



DFAS makes changes to myPay policy

Submitted by
Office of the Comptroller

In support of the president's Expanded Electronic Government Initiative, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will provide Wage and Tax Statements (W-2) and Leave and Earning Statements (LES) in electronic format for military and civilian personnel who view their pay data on the myPay Web site.

Eliminating hard copies of these paper documents and providing electronic copies through myPay will save several million dollars and mitigate the risk of identity theft.

For several years, myPay has provided military members and civilian employees with a secure method to view, print, and save their LES and W-2 electronically. It also gave the military member and civilian employee the ability to change the delivery

method of their W-2 or LES from printed and mailed hard copies to electronic copies. In other words, personnel could "turn off" receipt of hard copies in the past. Under this new policy, military members and civilian employees who log onto myPay after a date specified on the homepage will be consenting to receive electronic copies of their W-2 and LES, unless they elect to "turn off" receipt of hard copies by selecting that delivery option on the myPay Web site. As in the past, personnel may request one delivery method for a copy of their W-2 but another for the LES.

A marketing plan is being developed to notify all individuals about the pending change, which will include LES remarks and notices on the myPay Web site. Employees and members who do not access myPay after the effect date of this policy will

continue to receive hard copy documents, unless they previously opted for electronic copies. The electronic W-2 is usable for all income tax purposes and is sanctioned by the Internal Revenue Service. It also may be used with an individual's state income tax return. To ensure all members and employees receive a W-2 each year, members and employees will not be authorized to change their election through the myPay input screen from an electronic W-2 to hard copy W-2 during December and January. However, military and civilian personnel still will be able to request a hardcopy W-2 through their local servicing finance office or customer service representative during this period and throughout the year. In addition, changes to tax withholdings are permitted continuously throughout the year.

Photo courtesy www.gordon.army.mil

In an effort to eliminate hard copies of paper documents of Wage and Tax Statements and Leave and Earning Statements, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will provide these documents in electronic format.

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mounted guns, were waiting along with a full flight suit, dog tags and a helmet for A.J.

"My only wish was to get real close and climb onto a tank, but my mom told everybody that I wanted to drive a tank," said A.J. "When the Make-A Wish people came to our house they asked, 'what's your secondary wish' and I said, 'ride in a helicopter.' That's what really started things."

After being outfitted in the proper flight gear, A.J. and his father walked out onto the flightline and got their first look at the Huey they would be riding in.

Clayton and his crew chiefs helped strap everyone in their seats and shortly after, A.J. was skimming across North Carolina treetops.

"This is unusual, for civilians to fly in a helicopter like this,"

said Clayton. "We wanted to give him some excitement, let him see some things he hasn't seen before and also give him some hope."

The flight extended down to Topsail Beach, N.C., and around the city of Jacksonville, with A.J. even helping to pilot the Huey.

"The helicopter today was amazing; the view was beautiful," said Circo. "I was amazed at how smooth they were."

"It was neat. Very neat," added A.J. "I wish I could stay here for two more weeks."

After the flight, HML/A-167 gathered in the hangar and welcomed A.J. as one their own. Clayton even bestowed A.J. with the call sign of "Red."

"It's a great feeling that a young kid from Middle America would like to come and see what the Marines are doing. I think it's great, and we welcomed him to this," said Clayton. "The American public loves the Ma-

rine Corps. The reverse is true, too. The Marines, to a man, as I have found, are absolutely loyal to the public. They believe in what they're doing. To be able to go that extra little bit for a young kid says a lot for the Marines and a lot for the Marine Corps. This is an opportunity for us here, to give something a little extra. That just means a lot."

For A.J. "Red" Circo, his trip to visit a few proud Marines was a bright spot that offers some hope and healing.

"It's an amazing foundation, what they pull-off," said Circo. "That's the problem. You get to a point where you say, 'what do you look forward to.' You really get down in the dumps. This gave us a goal to shoot for and that made all the difference in the world."

A.J. and his family will return to Illinois and continue to fight the unseen enemies that try and tear away his smile.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Jeffrey A. Cosola

Angelo "A.J." Circo, a nine-year-old boy from Brookfield, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, and Lt. Col. Christopher M. Clayton, HML/A-167 commanding officer, head for the U1-1N Huey in preparation for a flight arranged by the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"Health-wise, we've been up and down, but we're doing OK," said Circo. "They want to put him back in (the hospital) when we get home, but we're taking it one step at a time."

No matter how sick, no matter what may come, he can swim in the deep waters of a healing memory and hold tight to the

hope that comes with it. No matter what the future holds for A.J., he will always be able to remember the Marines and the time he became a young "devil dog" for a day.

He can go on eating pizza, doing homework and being a nine-year-old boy. Just as it should be.

Giants of the Corps: A true American war hero

Compiled by Cpl. Ashley Warden
Combat Correspondent

Once described by former Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. John A. Lejeune as "the outstanding Marine of all time," two-time Medal of Honor winner Sgt. Maj. Dan Daly lived up to his claim.

A fine example of a military figure, he stood 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighed only 132 pounds. It is said that his keen gray eyes looked upon danger without fear.

Daly was born Nov. 11, 1873 in Glen Cove, Long Island, New York. Although little is known about Daly's early life, it is known that he was a newsboy as well as a fighter. He enlisted in the Marine Corps Jan. 10, 1899 at the age of 25, hoping to get into the Spanish American War. But this wasn't to be for Daly, for when he graduated from boot camp, the war had collapsed.

The first assignment Daly received was aboard the USS Newark, which was heading for Taku Bay, China, in 1900 during the Boxer Rebellion. Upon landing, Daly and other Marines on the ship headed for Peking where Marines

and Germans had been stationed on Tartar Wall, but intense enemy fire had driven them away from the position. The position was important because it was a solid defensive position set between the Ch'ien Men and Hata Men gate.

Sent in as reinforcements, then Pvt. Daly and a Marine captain entered the wall stronghold. During the night of August 14, the captain left the wall to bring up further reinforcements. Daly volunteered to remain behind to defend the barricade single-handedly. Seeing this, Chinese snipers fired at the position and stormed the bastion. Daly, being the Marine that he was, fought off the Chinese advance until the reinforcements arrived. For his gallantry on Aug. 14, Daly was awarded his first Medal of Honor.

Daly's next assignment sent him to Vera Cruz, Mexico, during the Mexican American War in 1914, which was quickly followed by action in Haiti during the first occupation of the country. In Haiti, Gunnery Sgt. Daly was part of a patrol that was pushing bandit Cacos into an old French fort in an attempt to consolidate and destroy the remaining

rebels.

During the mission, his patrol of 35 Marines was ambushed by about 400 Cacos when, while fording a river, the rebels opened fire while concealed in bushes about 100 yards from the fort on Oct. 24, 1915.

Fortunately, all the Marines made it to the bank safely, however, the horse carrying the machine gun was killed and abandoned mid-river, along with many others. That night, the Cacos attacked the embattled Marines again. During the attack, the patrol leader called for the machine gun, Daly immediately volunteered to return to the river and retrieve the weapon.

Retracing the path back to the river through enemy patrols, Daly found the dead horse, cut the gun free from it, strapped it to his back and returned to the Marine position.

This action earned Daly his second Medal of Honor.

By age 44, Daly was looking to the war in France and soon was shipped over the pond as first sergeant of the 73rd Machine Gun Company, where he earned "a hat full of medals." One of



Official file photo

Sgt. Maj. Dan Daly

which was for his actions when he wiped out German machine gun nests armed only with grenades and a .45 caliber Colt pistol.

While at Lucy li Boucage on the outskirts of Belleau Wood, France, Daly made a comment that even today still thunders with the Marines' spirit.

Marines were soon to be attacked by German machine gunners while outnumbered, outgunned and pinned down in a poor position; Daly ordered an attack

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Killer Bees

Swarms plague San Bernardino County

By Cpl. Jeremy Gadrow
Combat Correspondent

Africanized bees, better known as killer bees, are beginning to swarm this year, and will possibly continue for the next few months.

Due to the warm weather from June to August, killer bees are on the hunt for pollen and nectar, said Joan Mulcare, environmental health program manager, San Bernardino County Department of Public Health.

"Because Africanized bees build larger hives and swarm in larger groups, they are noticed more often than our indigenous European bees," said Mulcare.

When they're not in groups, it is very hard to tell an Africanized bee from a European bee, said Mulcare.

"Apart from slightly smaller wings, there is no difference in the way the bees look. You probably wouldn't be able to tell them apart by looking at them," said Mulcare. "Africanized bees are more defensive when it comes to protecting their hive, and will travel farther away from the hive in search of food and when chasing intruders."

Contrary to popular belief, killer bees do not actively seek victims, said Mulcare. The bees, just like any other bee, pollinate flowers and make honey.

"They'll only attack if you disturb them," she said. "The problem is that Africanized bees are less shy than European bees. They'll build their hives closer to our buildings and homes."

Mulcare advises that if someone is being attacked, they should run, keeping the bees away from the face and eyes, or seek safety in a building or car where they can close the doors.

"Just remove yourself from the situation," said

Mulcare. "Especially in the case of African bees. It may take up to a quarter mile before they stop coming after you."

If someone is allergic, or doesn't know if they are allergic to bees, or if they have been stung numerous times, they should call 911 and get the stingers out as soon as possible by using a fingernail, or swiping a credit card against the stinger, said Mulcare. Bee stingers have little mechanisms on them that continually pump venom into the sting.

Additionally, if a person's pet is left outside, either in a fenced yard, or on a leash where they have no way of escaping should a swarm of bees attack, owners should check the area very closely, said Mulcare. Most deaths caused by African bees are present amongst animals that just couldn't get away.

While checking the yard, people should look and listen for bees, said Mulcare. "Bees are normally found anywhere that is left alone for a long time. Deserted buildings, and garden sheds are two areas to pay particular attention to. People should walk carefully through their yard every year at the beginning, middle, and end

of the gardening season. Look for bees coming in and out of small cracks in the walls or through windows, also listen for them buzzing. They make a pretty good racket."

If a person does find a hive they should leave it alone, said Mulcare. There are numerous organizations that specialize in the removal of beehives.

If a hive is found in the home, call a bee removal service to remove it. Oftentimes the home will get damaged in the process of removing the hive, and bee removal services will have the tools necessary to fix the damage, said Mulcare. If a hive is found in an outdoor area where people may encounter it, such as hiking trails or parks, call the local fire department, or public health department. If it is somewhere that is not likely to be disturbed by people such as in a high tree, for instance, leave it alone.

Africanized bees are not the cold-blooded killers often portrayed in movies and nature shows, said Mulcare. In fact, only two deaths have occurred in the San Bernardino County area since 1998 as a result of a bee attack.



Photo courtesy Joan Mulcare

A group of bees swarm a box in search of food to take back to the hive.

Bee Safety Tips

- *Listen* for buzzing indicating a nest or swarm of bees
- *Use* care when entering sheds or outbuildings where bees may nest
- *Examine* work area before using lawn mowers, weed cutters, and other power equipment
- *Examine* areas before tying up or penning pets or livestock
- *Be* alert when participating in all outdoor activities and sports
- *Don't* disturb a nest or swarm- contact a pest control company or an emergency response organization
- *Teach* children to be cautious and respectful of all bees
- *Check* with a doctor about bee sting kits and procedures if sensitive to bee stings
- *Develop* a safety plan for your home and yard
- *Organize* a meeting to inform neighbors about Africanized bees to help increase neighborhood safety
- *If* bees are encountered, run away quickly, protecting your face and eyes as much as possible
- *Take* shelter in a car or building
- *Do* not swat at bees; rapid motions will cause them to sting



Photo courtesy Joan Mulcare

An exposed Africanized bee hive sits under a window ledge. If disturbed, these bees will go to great lengths to protect their hive from intruders and will travel farther away from the hive than European bees.

Barstow boring? Think again

By Joyce Richardson
Production Management Dept.

I'm so bored! All there is to do around here is work! There's nothing to do. I hate living here. I might as well work on weekends, what else is there to do here?

I hear that complaint every day from friends and co-workers.

Actually, there are a plethora of activities happening every weekend, within an hour or two of Barstow, to suit any age, pocketbook or taste.

We all know about the well-publicized activities; county fairs, Renaissance Faire, Calico Ghost Town, Las Vegas, etc. However, there are many activities and events we pass up because we don't know where to find them.

Next time you are feeling bored try these ideas and maybe even find

something new to try!

Most phone books list annual activities and places of interest for any town. It's usually found between the white and yellow pages.

Visit local museums. They showcase local historical sites and points of interest you can visit. The Mojave River Valley Museum is a fine example of this. About once a month, it hosts a guest lecturer or selects a historical site and spends the weekend rediscovering it.

Visit the Calico Early Man Site where you can be part of a team uncovering ancient history. You will discover you are currently in a lake-ancient Lake Mannix to be exact.

Have you seen Hole in the Wall? The rocks are made of volcanic Swiss cheese, and hiking and camping is a completely new experience in this eerie landscape.

Right around the corner are Mitchell's Caverns where the eyes of the mountain warily watch you approach. Ever see a lava tube? Or an ancient volcano dome? Don't forget the ghost town of Rosalie, complete with a mountain of tailings and mill remains to explore. The miners carved their dwellings into the sides of mountains, living in caves.

Many cities have designated houses or blocks, which showcase the town's past grandeur. Riverside offers the Heritage House, where visitors can tour a magnificent turn of the century Victorian house on selected weekends. Redlands has an annual walking tour of its many fine examples of Victorian architecture. Check out the A.K. Smiley Public Library or Kimberly Crest.

The Mission Inn, in Riverside, offers guided tours of the unique hotel. You can also get walking maps of downtown Riverside where you can stroll at leisure and experience the many examples of Mission and Google architecture so intrinsic to Southern California.

Junior Colleges offer field trips and weekend travel to historical sites as well as photo op classes. Weekend archeology classes at Barstow Community College allow you to see petroglyphs, mining sites, wagon trails, and miners' caves. The archeology class also visits other museums, allowing you to pick up local events fliers. If you don't want the college credit, just pay to audit. (No homework!)

Colleges have plays and musical offerings at very reasonable fees. Victor Valley College has a planetarium offering spectacular presentations. Nearby in Apple Valley is a telescope, which allows "peeks" at the heavens on clear nights.

The Barstow, Victorville and the San Bernardino papers all have a weekend section that lists many activities in the area from plays, free local bands, to snowshoeing in the mountains.

The Theater Arts Guild in Victorville offers live plays, great local talent and music in Victorville on 8th Street. They are a good



Photo courtesy worldjousting.com

Modern day knights like these competing in a jousting tournament can be seen at the Renaissance Pleasure Faire held in Irwindale, Calif.

source for information on local art classes from painting to metalworking. You can even volunteer to assist in the production of the plays both on stage and behind the scenes. Don't forget to tour the art gallery; we have many fine local artists!

Many cities, including Victorville have walking tours on weekends where you will uncover a lot of surprising area history.

Libraries have a section on local history and events. Ask your librarian, who would be glad to show you. While you are at the library, grab a few of those small local "for sale" papers by the entry. Local events are advertised in them.

Go to city hall, and grab handfuls of fliers for everything from watercolor to belly dancing. They also announce music nights in local cities, which are great, enjoyable and usually have a car show to boot. Best of all, they are usually free, and security is plentiful.

Check bookstores for newsletters and magazines for the area. Most bookstores have a local area section. Two good monthly magazines are: Inland Empire and Los Angeles. They have a great upcoming events section. They can often be found at the checkout stands at supermarkets also.

Many local specialty and novelty stores sponsor Web sites listing such local events as farmer's night, street fairs, etc. It's free to subscribe, and you will get updates on the cities events and upcoming store classes

as well. Many record stores have Web sites, where they list free or inexpensive concerts to introduce new talent.

Go to the Web sites of nearby cities. They list local happenings, as well as first time events and annual festivals. San Bernardino has free "music in the park" Friday evenings during the summer months.

Visit your city's park and recreation center, where you will find an abundance of fliers about various classes, including yoga, tai kwon do, sports workshops, bowling for beginners, dog obedience and art classes. Are you accomplished at a skill? Volunteer to teach a class!

Check the Web sites of nearby fairgrounds for weekly swap meets or flea markets. At the entrance, you usually have to fight your way past a multitude of pamphlet stands advertising other swap meets including specialized ones for dolls, auto parts, motorcycles, coins, guns etc. Go to the Learning Annex Web site. Although it is based in LA and all the classes are in the LA basin, they now have online and live classes so you can attend from your own home if you don't want to brave LA freeways.

Check the bulletin boards at work. Clubs often advertise for members. Also, check the laundry mat, community center, liquor store and other public bulletin boards. You never know where you will find something that captures your interest.



Photo courtesy Calico Ghost Town

Once granted admission to Calico Ghost Town, tourists can sign up for a free historical guided tour of the town. During the annual Calico Days, persons can sign up for a ghost hunt, to try to find the ghosts that still roam the town.

Job Watch

<u>Annc No.</u>	<u>Title/Series/Grade</u>	<u>Open</u>	<u>Close</u>	<u>1st Cutoff</u>	<u>Location</u>
SW5-5803-10-CE234747-DE	Heavy Mobile Equipment Mechanic WG-5803-10 (TERM NTE 2 YEARS)	05-05-05	06-03-05	05-09-05	MCLB Barstow
SW5-5803-08-CE234678-DE	Heavy Mobile Equipment Repairer WG-5803-08 (TERM NTE 2 YEARS)	05-04-05	06-03-05	05-06-06	MCLB Barstow
SW5-5803-05-CE233960-DE	Heavy Mobile Equip Mechanic Helper WG-5803-05 ((TERM NTE 2 YEARS)	05-06-05	06-06-05	05-10-05	MCLB Barstow
SW5-5306-05-CE233369-DE	Optical Instrument Repairer Helper WG-3306-05 (TERM NTE 2 YEARS)	05-06-05	06-06-05	05-10-05	MCLB Barstow
SW5-6907-05-CE233566-DE	Materials Handler WG-6907-06 (TERM NTE 2 YEARS)	05-06-06	06-06-06	05-10-05	MCLB Barstow
SW5-4102-05-CE234592-DE	Painter Helper WG-4102-05 (TERM NTE 2 YEARS)	05-06-05	06-06-05	05-10-05	MCLB Barstow
SW5-3809-10-CE237642-DE	Mobile Equipment Metal Mechanic WG-3809-10 (TERM NTE 2 YEARS)	05-11-05	06-10-05	05-13-05	MCLB Barstow
SW5-3809-08-CE237555-DE	Mobile Equipment Metal Worker WG-3809-08 (TERM NTE 2 YEARS)	05-11-05	06-10-05	05-13-05	MCLB Barstow
SW5-3703-10-CE237584-DE	Welder WG-3703-10 (TERM NTE 2 YEARS)	05-10-05	06-10-05	05-13-05	MCLB Barstow
SW5-3703-08-CE237575-DE	Welding Worker WG-3703-08 (TERM NTE 2 YEARS)	05-10-05	06-10-05	05-13-05	MCLB Barstow

Applicants interested in the above positions should submit resumes online at the following Web sites: <https://chart.donhr.navy.mil> or <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

For information regarding Open Continuous announcements point your browser to <http://www.donhr.navy.mil>.

For more information concerning job announcements visit the Self-Service Center, Building 236, Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or call the Human Resources Office at 577-6357/6279/6481. This is not an official list. Please see the Web sites listed for a complete list.



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permitted. In its place, Ellicombe was allowed to choose one instrument. Ellicombe chose his son's favorite—a bugle.

Robert Ellicombe had found a wrinkled piece of paper with a series of notes and a few scattered words scribbled on it tucked inside his son's pocket. Ellicombe took the composition and asked the bugler to play them at the funeral. Ellicombe recited the words while the bugler sounded out the 24 notes. It was on that day at that funeral that the haunting sound that we know as "Taps" was born. The words are:

Day is done ... Gone the sun ...
From the lakes ... From the hills ...
From the sky ... All is well ... Safely
rest ... God is nigh.

Fading light ... Dims the sight ...

And a star ... Gems the
sky ... Gleaming bright ... From afar
... Drawing nigh ... Falls the night.

Thanks and praise ... For our
days ... 'Neath the sun ... 'Neath the
stars ... 'Neath the sky ... As we go
... This we know ... God is nigh.

To this day "Taps" is played to
salute our fallen comrades, family,
and friends. This Monday we will
celebrate Memorial Day. Many will
stop to remember loved ones and
friends, and all around this country,
the sound of "Taps" will still be
heard as we remember the ones
who gave their lives for our country.

While "Taps" is often an eerie,
haunting, and sobering sound, it does
well to remind us of the rich heritage
we enjoy—a heritage that we would
be foolish if we were to forget and
not pass it on to the next generation.

In the Old Testament, the

children of Israel were told to teach
their children of all the things that
God had done for them in bringing
them out of Egypt and into the
Promised Land. God warned the
Israelites that if they did not teach
their children then they would soon
forget their past (Deuteronomy 4:9).

We would do well to take the
same admonition. God has done
great things for this country and we
must be careful to tell the next
generation of his blessings. This
Memorial Day and any time
thereafter that you hear "Taps"
being sounded, stand up and honor
the memory of our past and those
who gave themselves for our great
nation. Thank God for the blessings
he has given and the freedom he has
provided. And then, take time to
teach your children of their rich
heritage and promising future.

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leaping forward and yelling to his
men. Reportedly saying, "Come
on you sons of bitches! Do you
want to live forever?"

In a later interview, Daly told
Marine historians, "What I really
yelled was: For Christ's sake
men, come on! Do you want to
live forever?"

Nevertheless, his small group
of Marines surged out of the
defenseless position and captured
the town of Lucy li Boucage.

Dan Daly's service while in
the Marine Corps was extremely
varied. It included sea service
aboard the USS Newark,
Panther, Cleveland, Marietta,
Mississippi, Ohio and Machias.
In addition to combat in China,
Haiti and France he served in

Panama, Cuba, Vera Cruz,
Mexico and Puerto Rico and on
eight U.S. posts.

During an interview in 1919,
Daly said, "I can't see how a
single man could spend his time
to better advantage than in the
Marines."

Soon thereafter, he was
placed on the retainer list of the
Fleet Marine Corps Reserve to
await retirement. He retired from
the Corps Feb. 6, 1929 as a
sergeant major and on April 28,
1937, Daly died at Glenade, Long
Island, New York, at the age of
65.

*Editor's note: Information
in this article was found on the
United States Marine Corps
Historical Web site at
www.history.usmc.mil.*



Summer is Here

Children Services provides care for children ranging from newborn to 18 years of age all year long. Beginning June 10, the Children Services Branch will have fun summer programs for your children.

School Age Care (SAC) is designed for children 5 to 11. Care is available Mondays through Fridays from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Building 63. Care is provided on a contractual and hourly basis. Meals are served to all children in attendance, at no additional charge.

Youth Activities Center (YAC) Fun Camp is conducted for children ages 12 to 15.

Fun camp will be held in Building 62 (the YAC main building) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

YAC Open Recreation is scheduled from 3 to 7 p.m.

Monday through Friday, and from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

Special Saturday Field Trips and activities are scheduled for teens 13 to 18 years old during the summer to include a trip to Magic Mountain and Raging Waters!

Summer is fast approaching, call to enroll your child today! For more information about these programs, call Child Services at 577-6287.

Playmornings

Playmornings will be held June 1-7 at YAC, and June 15, 21 and 29 at the Base Library from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

NPSP hosts Playmornings where parent and child can engage in free play, music, finger play and Circle Time! Parents enjoy snacks and conversations with other parents. Newborns to children 5 years of age may attend. Current immunization records are required.

Call 577-6332 or 6533 to



sign up, or for more information about Playmornings.

M&FSD Presentation

Marine and Family Services Division would like to invite you join them in the presentation of the Transitional Compensation Program for abused family members.

This informational presentation will answer questions concerning the program, and provide useful information for all service members and their family members.

The Transitional Compensation Program Presentation,

made by Marine and Family Services Division, will be held Friday, May 27 from 10 to 11 a.m. in the conference room of Building 129.

Marine and Family Services is dedicated to providing professional and confidential assistance for Marines, Sailors, and their families. Some services are available for DOD employees.

Call 577-6533, or stop by Building 129, to find out more information about this presentation and the services that Marine and Family Services provides.

MCCS HAPPENINGS

Today

- BBQ Your Own Ribs at the Oasis Club starts at 5 p.m.
- Family Night Dining at the Family Restaurant from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. - *Southern Night*

Friday

- TGIFriday Family Night at the Oasis at 5 p.m. and Enlisted Club at 6 p.m.

Saturday

- Ceramics Studio, Family Make & Take Project Time 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Bar & Grill Night at the Enlisted Club at 5 p.m.

Sunday

- Bar & Grill with Basketball! at the Enlisted Club.

Monday

- Karaoke Night at the Oasis Club.
- Bar & Grill Night at the Enlisted Club starting at 5 p.m.

Tuesday

- Burn your own Steak Night at the Oasis Club begins at 5 p.m.

Wednesday

- Midweek Relaxation Hour at the Enlisted Club at 6 p.m.

1996 GMC Sonoma, crew cab, V-6,
4.6L, auto, a/c, CD, dk green, 152 K
miles, good condition, \$4,000
OBO. Call 220-6672.

1966 PLYMOUTH FURY: 383
engine, auto air, four door, runs,
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1966 DODGE POLARA STATION
WAGON: 383 engine, auto, roof
rack, runs, needs TLC, \$1,200. Call
254-1913

1987 NISSAN SENTRA WAGON:
Good transportation, first \$600 takes
it. Call 252-2815.

MISCELLANEOUS: Bedroom
furniture: dresser w/ mirror,
headboard, 2 night stands. Good
condition. Need to pick up. \$75
OBO. Call 220-6672, lv. msg.

MISCELLANEOUS: Twin bed
mattress set with 3 sheets sets and
comforter set, \$80 for everything.
Call 255-6360.

MISCELLANEOUS: Tires, four 245/
45 R18, one 31/10.5 R15, two 205/
75 R14, one 205/75 R15, four 185/
65 R14, one 175/70 R13, \$20 each.
Call 256-2434.



